

# **BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ATTENDANCE**

MAC members Jacqueline Cox and Betty Gosney.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the October meeting were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### California Highway Patrol – Officer Hope Maxson

Officer Maxson stated the purpose of their Chips for Kids toys giving program. The aim was for kids to feel comfortable around police officers and not be afraid of law enforcement. Officers will hand toys directly to needy children. She asked for the community's help in identifying the most needy children to receive the toys.

#### Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Finneran

Sgt. Finneran gave a report of activity in the area. There was a rash of cargo thefts. She asked the residents to report parked semi trucks because they could possibly be stolen. Also, they were doing sweeps of the illegal vendors selling products. However, due to cut backs and scheduling of officers, they have been more reactive than proactive with regard to illegal vendors. Sgt. Finneran announced she will be transferred to Apple Valley and that Lt. Nucum will replace her.

#### Special Districts – Tim Millington

Tim Millington confirmed the bed tax grant allocations had been sent out. Special Districts was holding off on the parking lot improvements at Kessler Park because they were making street improvements as well. There will be all inclusive curve/gutter/sidewalks from the corner of Linden and Jurupa to the maintenance yard. A hole was punched in the slide at Ayala Park and a new slide was ordered and is being installed.

#### Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Frances Vasquez reported that the Board of Supervisors today launched the 2010 Support Our Troops campaign for deserving families of troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. This will be the fourth year of the program, which is coordinated by the County Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Last year, county residents and employees contributed nearly 5,000 toys and gifts and \$11,000 in cash, gift cards and prepaid phone cards. Working with The American Legion 25th District, Yellow Ribbon America and other community groups, the county distributed three pallets of toys to military families. Information on the program and how to donate is available at <http://hss.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/VA/>, or call County Veterans Affairs at (909) 387-5516.

The Bloomington Lions Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their charter, and Supervisor Josie Gonzales presented a Board Resolution. The club was chartered on May 11, 1960, and currently meets in Colton. Bloomington Lions Club members are committed to humanitarian work on a variety of community projects, such as White Cane Days, student eyeglass programs, Flag Day program for elementary schools, student speaker contests, and other programs. Proceeds from fundraising events support Bloomington area schools.

Cancer screenings will be offered on Saturday, November 6th at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, at the Outpatient Care Center. ARMC is located at 400 North Pepper Avenue, just

north of Interstate 10 in Colton. Regular screenings can result in the possible detection and removal of precancerous growths, as well as diagnose cancers when they are most treatable. Supervisor Josie Gonzales especially encourages residents who may not have adequate resources to get free screenings for oral, skin, breast, prostate, colorectal and cervical cancers. For more information, call 909-580-3290.

There will be no Bloomington MAC meeting in December due to MAC training for all 5<sup>th</sup> District MAC members on December 7.

On behalf of Code Enforcement staff, Frances Vasquez reported on Code Enforcement activities. There are 140 active cases, not including PACE cases. Four taco vendors were shut down as part of a sweep of the area. The Fire Hazard Abatement program had a tumble weed deadline in early December. Ms. Vasquez reported that the graffiti program has benefited from the new iPhone application to report graffiti. And, the Pace program implemented its second project in Bloomington. There were 240 properties within their new project area. Formal inspections were scheduled to begin on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Code Enforcement identified 107 properties with issues that needed to be addressed, and most residents complied after the first notice.

#### MEMBER REPORTS

Jacqueline Cox stated she had nothing new to report.

Betty Gosney stated she will be at the Christmas Parade to hand out toys to the children.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria Alba commented on the train noise by the 10 Freeway and Jurupa. She asked that something be done to reduce the noise. She also requested an update of the projects in Bloomington such as the Bloomington High School sidewalk project. Ms. Vasquez stated that she would call her.

Dave Soto from the Bloomington Community Boosters reminded everyone about the memorial service in honor of the veterans at the military monument on November 11 at 11:00am in Ayala Park. A flag retirement ceremony will be put on by the Boy Scouts.

Corine Soto mentioned the Bloomington Community Boosters was having a country cowboy Christmas and asked the community if they knew residents who owned horses to give her a call. They will have a raffle for an oak rocking chair and are accepting donations to help needy families buy groceries and school supplies. She also commented that Dave Soto sanded two Bloomington signs and repainted them.

Eric Davenport stated that approximately 100 people attended a BIC meeting on Sept. 28 to discuss formation of a multiple service special district. He said it would cost \$779,820 to have an officer in the area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It breaks down to \$0.36 a day, \$10.83 a month, or \$129.79 on the property tax bill. He had not yet received the quote for trash services. The special district would include Sheriff, lighting, and trash services.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED – January 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.